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## SAILOR OF THE QUARTER



HM3 George Eastlack receives his Certificate of Accomplishment and congratulations from Capt. Faucett on being selected as Sailor of the Quarter. HM3 Eastlack, who worked long hours to set up, repair, and run the hospital's dialysis equipment, was chosen for, to cite but two recommendations: "his outstanding initiative, industry, and imagination," and his "exceptional loyalty and reliability." Shown with HM3 Eastlack and the Commanding Officer are: Capt. Taylor, CDR Pfeffer, CDR Anderson, CDR Burcham, Capt. Houp, and CDR Wujeck.

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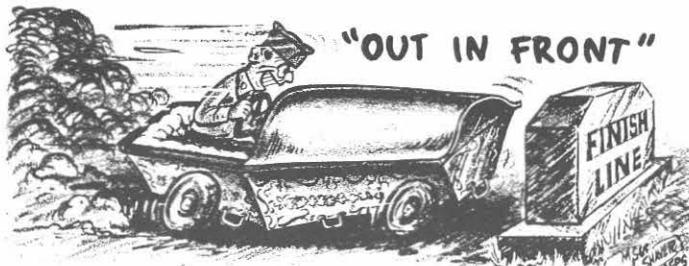
**EDITORIAL****Maybe, Maybe Not**

Judging from all the outward appearances, news reports and statistics available, there are still a great many servicemen and women — too many, in fact — who haven't gotten "the word."

What word? The one on driving safety.

That's right, driving safety. The thing you've been hearing about for years. The thing you've spent hours listening to lectures and seeing films about. Driving safety, the thing that — if you're lucky and it's gotten through to you — has helped keep you alive so you could be griping now about reading another article on it.

Maybe you've gotten the word and do drive defensively and intelligently. There are a lot of people who haven't. They are the ones who are listed as statistics. If they've managed to survive this long, they are probably the ones who are screeching up and



down the highways in their souped-up coffins figuring they are "too cool," "too swift" to have anything happen to them.

Maybe it won't happen to them — maybe their indifferent, inconsiderate, dangerous antics behind the wheel of a car will only cause an accident, injuring or killing someone else.

Time will tell — and this is a good time of the year for automobile accidents. There are more hours of darkness; the weather is against you with rain, sleet and snow in many areas; windows are fogged due to temperature differences; people are in a big hurry to get inside, away from the cold or damp.

Into the middle of all this careens Harry Heavyfoot or Bob Blankbrain—unconcerned, unaware and unpredictable. They have watched the safe-driving movies, but they didn't see. They heard the safety lectures, but they didn't listen. They have read the articles, but they didn't comprehend. They are living on borrowed time.

If they're someplace now where they don't have a car, they'd do well to keep the word about safe driving tucked away in their head. It'd be pretty wild to make it all the way through 'Nam and then get zapped on a stateside Interstate.

There's the word—again. See you around—we hope. (AFPS)

**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

by

**LT. C. T. CRAWFORD CHC, USNR****GRATITUDE — THANK YOU!**

In the course of our work of serving others, how very discouraging it can be when our efforts are met with indifference, a cold stare, a harsh word, or any other sign that it is void of appreciation. This sometimes happens. Our Lord Himself was not exempted from it. Remember when He cured the ten lepers? Well, only one returned to say, "Thank You!"

Although the gratitude of the recipient of our work is not our primary goal (at least, it shouldn't be), nevertheless, it does give a tremendous lift to our morale to know that someone—superior, equal, or subject—appreciated the effort we have made on his behalf. It will, perhaps, lead us on to greater efforts in our work for God and neighbor. Likewise, we must not be remiss in expressing our own appreciation for what has been done for us. Remember: Love begets love; kindness begets kindness; gratitude begets gratitude, etc. A warm "Thank You!" goes a long way.

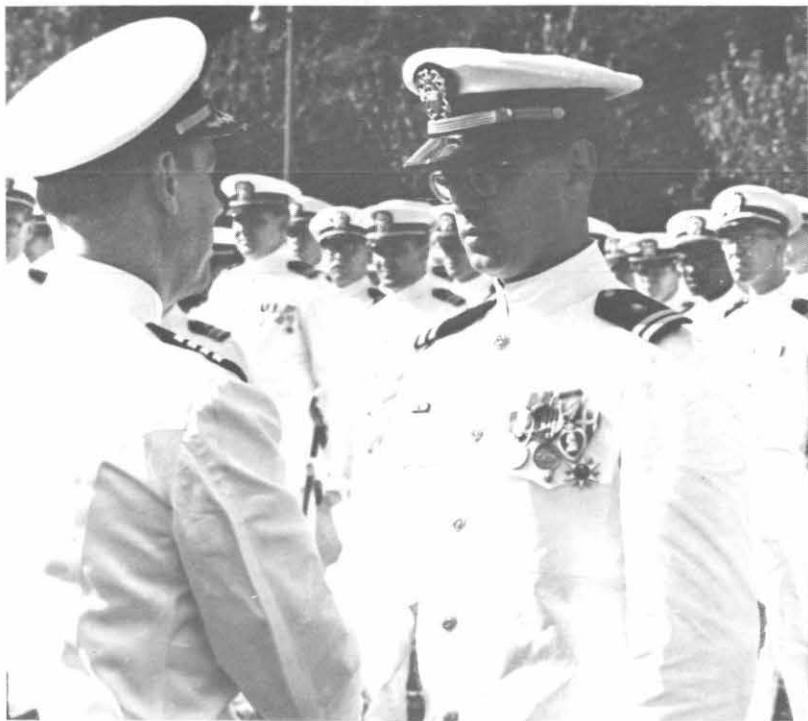
It is this warm feeling of gratitude that I personally have toward the good people of the Naval Hospital, St. Albans. Almost one year ago I came to serve patients and staff of this fine institution of healing as one of your chaplains. On many occasions, too numerous to list, I have been the recipient of patience, sacrifice, generosity, and general good will of the staff and patients of this hospital. As I take my leave of you for my new assignment in the Western Pacific area, I would "shout from the housetops" my sincere gratitude to you all for your many kindnesses and to ask the dear Lord:

To bless you and keep you  
May He show His face to you  
and have mercy on you  
May He turn His countenance  
to you and give you peace  
May the Lord bless you. Amen.

***Cicero on Equality . . .***

"...in no other state, save where the power of the people predominates, has liberty any home. Liberty, the sweetest of all blessings, and which if it is not equal for all, is not liberty..."—Cicero, 54 B.C.

## FOR HEROISM



LT Harold Lasker, a Medical Officer at the siege of Khe Sanh, is presented with the Bronze Star and Purple Heart by Captain Faucett.

## A DISTINGUISHED NAVAL PERSON VISITS ST. ALBANS



On October 17, 1968, St. Albans was honored by a visit by Rear Admiral Gerson Sapiato Coutinho of the Brazilian Navy. The Admiral is a medical officer who is the Director of the Brazilian Navy's Social Medical Assistance. He was conducted through the hospital by Capt. Taylor. He is shown in our museum, in front of the statue presented to the U.S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y. by the officers and men of the Brazilian Battleship MINAS GERAES in 1921.

## Lt. Lasker Receives Bronze Star and Purple Heart

On September 12, 1968, Lieutenant Harold Lasker of the Medical Corps and St. Albans was formally presented with the Bronze Star for heroism and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

The citation accompanying the Bronze Star reads:

"For meritorious service in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam while serving as Battalion Surgeon of the First Battalion, Thirteenth Marines, 26th Regiment Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade from 23 January to 28 April 1968. During this period Lieutenant Lasker performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. Serving at Khe Sanh during a period of intense enemy rocket, artillery, and mortar attacks against the base, he provided medical aid to numerous wounded Marines, working tirelessly and often in a tent which offered little protection against the continuing enemy fire. On numerous occasions, he was knocked to the ground by the concussion of exploding rounds and repeatedly disregarded his own safety by using his own body to shield his patients from the fragments of exploding rounds. Lieutenant Lasker's courage, exceptional professional skill and selfless devotion to duty at great personal risk were instrumental in saving the lives of many of the casualties at Khe Sanh and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service."

Dr. Lasker, a local boy, graduated from Queens College and then the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He interned at Meadowbrook Hospital in East Meadow, Long Island.

Lt. Lasker will leave the Navy this October to start civilian practice in New York City.

## PROMOTIONS

Hanna, Patricia to LTJG  
Stults, Kenlyn to LTJG  
Cannon, Robert to LTJG  
Mulholland, Stanford to LCDR  
Beebe, Robert C. to HM3  
Carrano, Louis A. Jr. to HM3  
Depatie, Peter M. to HM3  
Grappano, William E. to HM3  
Marvin, Alfred D. to HM3  
Pitts, Cynthia A. to DT3  
Stuart, Richard G. to HM3  
Velez, Marcos E. Jr. to HM3

## HELPING HEAL THE SICK AND WOUNDED THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

### The Voluntary Service Photographers

Photography is a meaningful activity to most Americans. Almost everyone owns or has owned a camera and has a certain amount of interest in taking pictures. This almost universal characteristic which most St. Albans patients share is the basis for the work of one of the most useful and distinguished private agencies functioning in the hospital, the Voluntary Service Photographers.

The Voluntary Service Photographers is a completely private organization financed entirely by itself and receiving no governmental funds or subsidies. It

St. Albans had the very first hospital unit the Voluntary Service Photographers ever established, back in the days of the Second World War. Today, the organization's workroom is still functioning and is located in Building 56, "down the ramp."

A visit there proved very interesting. This reporter was able to meet Mrs. Carl Solomon, President of the Board of Directors of the Voluntary Service Photographers. Mrs. Solomon, who has been associated with the organization from the beginning, told us certain fascinating things about its work.

Did you know that most photographers fall into a classic pattern? It seems that from the earliest days until today, most soldiers who take photographs of themselves and their friends almost invariably take them in front of a tent or barracks or other living quarters and the people photographed are almost always posed in one straight and rigid line and are looking directly into the camera. This reporter was told that one of the surest signs of potential talent is a photograph which does not show this "dressed right and covered down" pattern of composition.

The volunteer instructors of the Voluntary Service Photographers instruct our patients in the basic fundamentals of photography —developing, printing, enlarging, and oil coloring. Once a man knows the basic technical skills required to process a photograph; from taking it to making up a glossy print, and if he wants to do so, coloring that print, he is in a good position to develop whatever pictorial talent he may have.



Making an enlargement.

began very modestly in 1941 as part of the American Women's Voluntary services. At that time the members of the Women's Voluntary Services would visit the sick and wounded in hospitals and as part of their visits they would take photographs of the patients and send these photographs home to the families of these patients. This photographic activity grew naturally in scope as the organization responded to the interest of hospital patients and soon it began to teach patients about photography so they could take and develop their own pictures. An entire program of photography grew out of the interest in that field shown by the sick and wounded of the Second World War.

Today, the work of the Voluntary Service Photographers is not confined to military hospitals alone. The organization also works in many civilian hospitals and from a small office in Manhattan, it operates in forty one civilian and military hospitals.

Another program of this organization that is most appreciated is taking pictures of our patients in the wards and processing these same pictures into formal five by seven inch portraits in decorative cardboard frames, which are then given to the subject of the portrait free of charge. Murray Panitz and Sonia Cavignet, have been engaged in this program.

The workroom of the Voluntary Service Photographers in Building 56, which is open every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons, has darkrooms, enlargers, and the finest photographic equipment; but it is a little cramped for space. I was assured that at present their program at St. Albans is quite popular and they are operating very close to capacity.

All the volunteer instructors of the organization have been trained by the organization itself and have worked with more experienced instructors before they begin to teach. Pupils can go as far as they like in photography —those who have mastered the fundamentals can proceed on to more advanced matters—either by themselves or with the help of the instructors. Among the material available at the workroom is a complete set of textbooks of the Famous Photographers Course.

There are no formal classes held at the Voluntary Service Photographers—all instruction is geared to the individual patient, since patients come and go and progress at different speeds. Their program has proved so popular that there are at present tentative plans to extend their hours of operation into the evening one day a week. Whether or not this can be done will depend on financial and other exigencies.

From the widespread American desire to take pictures, the Voluntary Service Photographers and the good people who donate freely of their time, skills, and money, there has been built, over the years, not only an organization which gives instruction and enjoyment to military and civilian ill and injured, but a powerful source of rehabilitation. No one who has seen, as this reporter has, the intentness and enjoyment with which patients go about their activities at the Voluntary Services Photographers can have any doubt that learning photography is one of those activities which can capture a man's attention to the extent that he will be able to use his mind and body to capacity, despite pain and obstacles, and by doing so increase that capacity.



Studying a photography text.

## USO Inaugurates Thursday Afternoon Ward Entertainment Program



Dorothy Arms sings in the wards.



Jack Dempsey gives his autograph to Albert Schwarz of Plainview, L. I., N. Y.

On Thursday, September 26th, the United Service Organization, which is the full name of the organization more widely known by its initials as the USO, inaugurated the first of its regularly scheduled Thursday visits which will be made to our wards by professional entertainers, celebrities, and other good people for the purpose of bringing high caliber entertainment to those of our patients who cannot always get out to the regularly scheduled shows at the Pratt Auditorium.

Under the guidance of Mr. Don De Leo, a veteran actor and comedian in the play, "Don't Drink the Water," on Broadway, the first group of Thursday visitors came down on Thursday, September 26th. With the entertainers were two distinguished visitors, Maj. Gen. Melvin J. Kruelewitch, USMC (Ret.), and Jack Dempsey.

Mr. Dempsey, when asked his age by some of our patients, replied that he was seventy-four, an answer which brought audible whistles of amazement—you should live that long and look that good. Through the years, Mr. Dempsey has spoken to literally thousands of audiences for every worthy cause, campaign, group, and drive that one can name. He told our patients about his career in boxing and in passing, lamented lightly that the sport had declined since his time. In speaking about boxing he was ably assisted by General Kruelewitch, who shared the microphone with him for a time—the General was formerly the New York State Boxing Commissioner. We learned that the first purse that Mr. Dempsey ever fought for was for the sum of \$2.00 and that the gates of some of his biggest fights have never been exceeded. Of the opponents, Mr. Dempsey considers Sharkey his toughest victory.

Mr. Don De Leo, who did a comedy monologue in addition to acting as Master of Ceremonies, not only got laughs with his stories, but with his Guardsman's moustache and wine-red shirt, impressed with his sartorial splendor.

Dorothy Arms, who sang, was not overshadowed in this company. She not only sang beautifully, but as the accompanying photographs show, looked absolutely sensational in her beaded white dress.

This first program garnered much laughter and applause and we are sure that our patients are looking forward to the presentations to be given on subsequent Thursdays.

### STAFF BIRTHS

HM1 Hughes, USN, and Mrs. Charles E.—Boy.

## Red Cross Corner

by  
Carolyn Wood

### Commanding Officer Pays Tribute to the Red Cross Volunteers of St. Albans

In a special capping ceremony on September 10, 1968, Captain R. E. Faucett, Commanding Officer, paid tribute to the Red Cross volunteers of St. Albans. Captain Geraldine Houp St. Albans' Chief of Nursing Service according to Red Cross tradition, capped thirty-five volunteers who were trained at this hospital in May, 1968, thus signifying completion of their on-the-job training. Presiding at the ceremony was Mrs. Robert Kullman, Hospital Chairman of Volunteers, assisted by Mrs. Cecilia Gardner, Hospital Vice-Chairman of Volunteers, Mrs. Edna Bach, Chairman of Volunteers Central Queens Chapter, and Miss Carol Weber, Hospital Co-Chairman of Volunteers. Among those present was Mrs. Martha R. Esterbrook, Chairman of Volunteers, Nassau County, who spoke of the role of the two million volunteers presently serving in American Red Cross throughout the United States.

Volunteers have served a very special function in the Red Cross program at St. Albans since June, 1943. They have assisted in providing recreation to bed patients. They have worked in the Social Service Department by visiting patients many of whom are from Vietnam, unable to leave their wards, and by shopping for them at the Navy Exchange.

Since May 1967, Red Cross volunteers have served on a rotation basis with the hospital team that meets patients returning from Vietnam at the Floyd Bennett Air Strip. The volunteers talk with the patients on the trip to the hospital, serve sodas and coffee, and assist those who have not made their first free Red Cross telephone call in placing such a call upon arrival at St. Albans.

Currently, approximately one hundred volunteers are serving at St. Albans in various capacities. Some of our volunteers have served regularly and faithfully at St. Albans for many years.

Albert Schweitzer once wrote, "Therefore, seek you for an opportunity to set your humanity to work...in which you give of yourself as man to other man." In essence, that is what Red Cross volunteers at St. Albans are doing—setting their humanity to work with willingness, graciousness, and understanding.

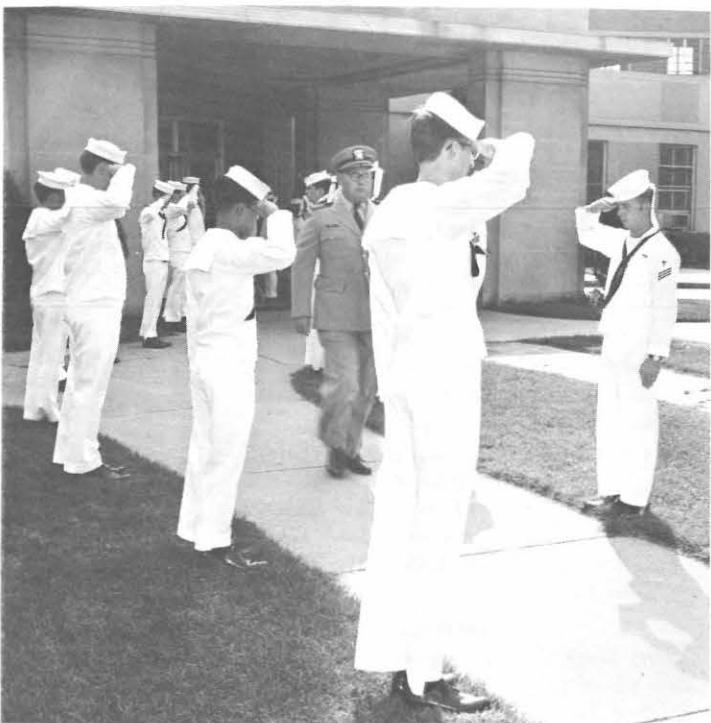


Captain Houp "caps" one of the Red Cross Volunteers.

## WELCOME ABOARD

HN Miles, A. A. from NavSta, Bklyn NY	HM1 Dolan, J. A. from NavHosp Chelsea, Mass.
DN Gucciordo, F. A. from NavHosp Camp Lejeune, NC	HMCS Polley, P. N. from I&I Staff, Tampa, Fla.
LCDR Remy, Ronald A. from Subic Bay, Philippines	HN Mosholder, D. from NSA Danang, RVN
LCDR Springer, Martha from NavHosp SDiego, Cal.	HM3 Cohen, R. C. from NSA Danang, RVN
CDR Pfeffer, Eliza M. from Naval ROTC Unit, Univ. of Wash. Washington	HM3 Flemming, P. R. from NMS Bethesda, Md.
LCDR Manouchehre, Mirbaha from 1st MarDiv FMF	HN(W) Van Dorn, V. A. from NMS Bethesda, Md.
ENS Prickett, Anna L. from NavScol Com, Naval Base, Npt, RI	HM3 Warren, H. D. from NNMC Bethesda, Md.
ENS Pike, Judith S. from NavScolCom, NB Npt, RI	HM3 Brown, M. L. from 9th MAB RVN
LTJG Valentino, Harry from NNMC Bethesda, Md.	HM3 Diggs, J. C. from 3rd MarDiv RVN
LT Allred, Bertha from NavHosp Portsmouth, Va.	HA(W) Pope, P. F. from HCS GLakes, Ill.
ENS Chase, Diana from NavScolCom, Npt, RI	HM3 Pytlowany, R. M. from 1st MarDiv RVN
HA(W) Brown, M. A. from HCS GLakes, Ill.	HM3 Butler, T. N. from 1st MarDiv RVN
HM3 Bourke, J. J. from NSA Danang, RVN	HA Carman, B. E. from HCS GLakes, Ill.
HM3 Murphy, W. P. from NSA Danang, RVN	HM2(W) Ingram, C. B. from NavMed Scol, Bethesda, Md.
	HN Culp, C. L. from HCS GLakes, Ill.
	HN Calaluga, T. M. from HCS GLakes, Ill.
	HN Ellison, V. C. from HCS GLakes, Ill.

*... TWO GOOD MEN GONE ...*



Going into well-earned retirement, two good men left the Navy. Right, Captain William Krech, and left, HMC Charles J. Miller, shown shaking hands with Captain Faucett can be sure that their skill and experience will be missed.



Major General Melvin J. Krulewitch, USMC (Ret.), is seen presenting a check for \$500.00 to the St. Albans Welfare and Recreation Fund to Captain Faucett as Mr. Joe Mahoney and Ensign David L. Wenrick of St. Albans Special Services, and Lt. Col. F. Tief of the Marines look on.



Army Captain Anthony Buetti is presented with the Purple Heart by Captain Taylor.

## SPORTS SCENE

by Joe Mahoney

### Golf

The hospital Staff Invitational Golf Championship was conducted at Bethpage State Park on September 19th. With the weather cooperating, the 12 golfers teed off under bright blue skies for a great day of golf. The first flight's foursome of Capt. Doohan, Cdr. Miller, Lt. Wilshusen, and Ray Haulk, Third Naval District's senior golf champion, got off at eleven o'clock. The second flight followed with some great scores posted by this group.

At the end of the day's competition, Cdr. Miller was Tournament Champion with a final score of 81, three strokes better than Lt. Wilshusen's card of 84. Capt. Doohan placed third with a final score of 87.

### Tennis

The Staff Tennis tourney got off to a slow start but picked up momentum and finished in a blaze of glory with Dr. Levine emerging as the eventual winner and hospital title holder.

### Football

Your Special Services Division has secured, for wheelchair patients and escorts, a number of tickets for each of the home games of the New York Giants. Patients and staff personnel interested in seeing these games can contact Special Services at Extension 544.

### Basketball

A large turnout of aspirants for the team were on hand for the opening session of the basketball tryouts for the "Saints," St. Albans basketball team, when the tryouts were held in the main gym on September 18th. Dr. Frank Trefny volunteered to act as coach for the 1968-69 season. From the looks of our squad, St. Albans will court a very formidable array of talent for this year's competition. Coach Trefny says that the team has height, skill, speed and spirit, all necessary ingredients of a winning year.

Special Services invites all staff and patients to participate in our intra-mural basketball program. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and after work. If interested, contact Special Services at Extension 544.



SP5 Roman Joaquin of St. Albans' Army Liaison Detachment is receiving the Army Commendation Medal from Captain David R. Hendricks of the Detachment, while SFC Troy Delaney, also of the St. Albans Detachment, looks on.

## Appointed to Red Cross Celebrity Committee



**KITTY CARLISLE** has accepted the Chairmanship of the Red Cross Celebrity Committee to Visit Wounded Servicemen at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans.

The purpose of the Committee is to arrange visits of celebrities to patients at military hospitals. Committee members represent many areas of the theatrical profession, the broadcasting industry, and the entertainment field in general.

In her voluntary capacity with the Red Cross, Miss Carlisle will coordinate and give leadership to planning a continual program of ward visits by entertainment personalities.

## SAYONARA

LT Griffiths, Marcia, to NavHosp Chelsea, Mass.

CDR Gates, Clifford to NavHosp Camp Pendleton, Calif.

LCDR Hand, John J. to NavHosp, Quantico, Va.

CDR Aaron, Benjamin L. to NavHosp, Portsmouth, Va.

LCDR Williams, John to 1st MarDivFMF  
LT Baker, Geneva G. to NavHosp

SDiego, Cal.

LT Barone, Anthony to USS Repose  
CAPT Krech, William to Retired

ENS Ryder, Richard G. to NavSubMed  
Cen NavSubBase, NLon, Conn.

LTJG Goldsmith, Judith to RAD

LCDR Sukoff, Michael H. to RAD

LTJG Murray, Martha to RAD  
HM2 Williams, C. J. to FMSS Camp  
Pend., Cal.

HM3 Eastman, W. J. to MARCORPREC  
Depot Cmp Pend., Cal.

HN Frinzl, D. A. to NavHosp Phila, Pa.

HM1 Soppe, W. E. to NROTC Unit  
Rochester, NY

HM1 Carriere, L. T. to NROTC Unit  
Rochester, NY

HM3 Arthmann, V. C. to Discharge  
HM2 Richter, T. S. to USS Repose